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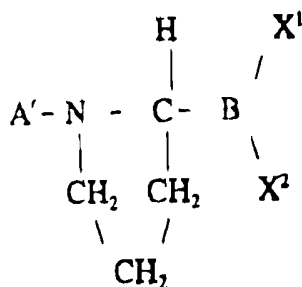
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Response to Office Action Dated June 24, 1999

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 1999, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

35. (Twice Amended) A method of obtaining a mixture of stereoisomers consisting of two or more compounds of the following structure :



wherein each X¹ and X² is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group capable of being

wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing hydrogen are of the R configuration.